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Subject: RE: Update on Treated Seed Petition Response

Also, I just got off of a SFIREG call – apparently they will be producing a report on state concerns with treated seed. No schedule on when they will be done. My notes from that very quick call that I was able to listen in on) –

SFIREG Meeting at which treated seeds were discussed (discussion on 12/16/21)

- Region 2 Rep Anthony Lemanos (?) from NY brought this topic up a year ago (neonic treated seed products and residue in carry over into the environment) at a SFIREG, and folks have been creating an issue topic paper, and working further on that and doing background checking. Amy and Hotze are cochairs to evaluate the topic. So brought up last week to full SFIREG and got direction for full issue paper.
- Gary, SFIREG chair, w cochairs, will further develop the paper and develop recommendations and timeline for resolution.
- Interested in water quality issues, dust/drift exposures, waste disposal. And a lot of rumors about misuse issues, eg, given away for use for wildlife feed or even sold for feed.
 - Studies relating to deer organ and meat where the deer contains some positive and elevated levels of pesticides (unclear whether comes from treated seeds). But there is a common practice of using left over seed for feed of wildlife – not just deer.
- Not limited to systemic pesticides.

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A few quick notes –

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I will be out of the office starting tomorrow but back the first week of January. I will not generally be checking email while I am absent. However, I am open to calls if you need to discuss any of this. I can be reached at Personal Phone / Ex. 6 I'm also copying Jori, who is the attorney on the device/generator issue and who also might be available to address some issues when he is in the office the last week of December.

I hope you have a merry and bright holiday season, notwithstanding the litigation!

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Subject: Update on Treated Seed Petition Response

Good Morning All,

I hope this email finds you well. As some of you may have seen there has been a lawsuit regarding the delay in response to the treated seed petition (attached above) that came in earlier this week. This means that the timeline will be accelerated to work on some of the recommendations that Ed proposed during our last briefing and to begin developing a response to the petition. I will be working on developing an outline for response to the petition to send out to all of you, but I think going forward we will send out different sections to each appropriate group to develop separately and I will work on consolidating the pieces to present to Ed and then Michal as we move forward.

Just as a reminder the upcoming schedule is packed as can be seen below:

- Working on Ed's recommendations from the last briefing
- Meeting with the whole team to finalize a revised briefing (Date TBD)
- Briefing the DDs (Date TBD)
- Briefing the OD (Date TBD)
- Briefing the AA (January 12th but will likely be pushed back)
- Finalize the response (TBD; OGC is working on this timeline)

I look forward to working with all of you on this as we go forward. Thank you in advance for your assistance with responding to this petition on this accelerated timeline.

Thank you,
Quinn

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